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               Plaintiffs,
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          -VS-
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            DEPOSITION OF MACEY ROSE POLICKA
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                 June 30, 2021
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          Remote oral deposition of MACEY ROSE POLICKA,
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       commencing at 2:30 p.m., on the above date, before
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       No. 1 Signed Verification
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       No. 2 Verified Complaint for
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                                                                         MS. GUTWEIN: As does Defendants.
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                                                                               MACEY ROSE POLICKA,
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                                                                      sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
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                                                                      BY MS. GUTWEIN:
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                                                                         Q. Hi, Macey. Thank you for being here
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                                                                      today. My name is Stephanie Gutwein, and I am one
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                                                                      of the attorneys for Indiana University. I might
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                                                                      refer to that as IU, just to shorten it up.
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- 1 just want to add for the record that your lawyers
- 2 and IU's lawyers have agreed that if there are 3 technical issues that we encounter in the course of
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- this virtual deposition, if for some reason we lose 5 you or you freeze or I freeze or your lawyer can't
- 6 hear what I'm saying and isn't able to object,
- 7 we'll pause to make sure we get that resolved
- 8 before we keep going. If something happens, type
- 9 it in the chat or just let us know however you can.
- 10 Okay?
- 11 A. (Nodding head.)
- 12 Q. Do you have anyone in the room with you 13 right now?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Okay. If at some point during your 16 deposition someone comes into the room, will you 17 let me know, please?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Thank you. The other thing that while 20 we are doing this deposition and we are on the
- record, you shouldn't be texting with anyone or 21
- 22 chatting with anyone or anything like that. Is
- 23 that okay?

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24 A. Of course.

Q. Okay. Thank you. Have you ever given a deposition before?

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Q. Okay. Well, you probably have talked with your lawyers a little bit about it, but just -- and I don't want to know about that, but just to review what the process is going to be like.

We're just here for me to ask you some questions. There is no right or wrong answers as long as they're truthful. It's just for me to find out some information.

You just gave an oath to the Court Reporter and you understand that you have to testify truthfully today to the best of your ability?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And I see you nodding your head. So, I'll just remind you the Court Reporter can only take down words that you say out loud.

So, we have to make sure, and I will try to help you and your lawyer will also try to help I'm sure, that you say your answers out loud. It's natural for everybody to make hand motions and head

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1 motions, but...

> Can you think of any reason that you wouldn't be able to testify truthfully today?

- A. No. I can't think of anything.
- Q. Okay. Do you have any notes with you that you brought to your deposition?
- 7 A. No.
 - Q. Okay. If you make any notes during your deposition, will you let me know, please?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Thank you. If at any point today you don't understand my question, I'm going to ask that you let me know that so I can rephrase it and make it a better question. If you answer my question and you haven't said that you don't understand it, I'm going to assume that you understood the question.
 - Can we agree on that?

can go ahead and answer.

- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Your attorney might object. She might have talked to you about that before. If you 21 22 hear her object, you still can answer my question 23 unless she tells you not to answer. Otherwise you

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- Are you comfortable with my calling you Macey or would you like me to refer to you as something else?
 - A. Macey is fine.
- 5 Q. Okay. All right. Thank you. Can you 6 please state your full name for the record.
 - Yeah. Macey Rose Policka.
- 8 Will you spell your last name, please.
 - P-o-l-i-c-k-a.
- 10 Q. Thank you. How old are you, Macey?
- 11 A. I am 22.
- 12 Q. Okay. Are you aware that one of your 13 co-Plaintiffs in the lawsuit that this deposition 14 is being taken in was deposed yesterday?
 - A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. So I assume, then, you haven't 17 read any transcript of that deposition. Is that 18 right?
- 19 A. Correct.
 - Where have you been living this summer?
- I've been living in Bloomington. 21
- 22 Q. Is that where you lived over the course 23 of last school year?
 - A. Yes.

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1	Q. Where in Bloomington do you live?	1	Q. So, your residence is there?
2	A. I live just west of the football	2	A. Um-hmm.
3	stadium.	3	Q. Where is home for your family that you
4	Q. Okay. I went to IU too.	4	visited?
5	A. Awesome.	5	A. Cicero, Indiana.
6	Q. Familiar with the campus.	6	Q. And is where you're living now where y
7	And I understand that you're going to be	7	will be living for this coming school year?
8	an incoming senior, is that right?	8	A. Yes.
9	A. I'm more of a super senior. This is my	9	Q. Okay. How did you come to learn abou
10	fifth year.	10	this lawsuit that you are a Plaintiff in?
11	Q. Okay. So, are you do you have a full	11	A. My father told me about it.
12	year planned or will it just be part of a year?	12	Q. And when (audio difficulty). Sorry.
13	A. Just one semester.	13	Forgive me.
14	Q. What are you studying?	14	When did he when did you first talk
15	A. I'm studying theater, English and	15	to your father about it?
16	medieval studies.	16	A. I don't remember.
17	Q. Are you looking forward to being	17	Q. If would it have been a matter of
18	finished?	18	months ago, weeks ago, days?
19	A. Yes.	19	A. Probably weeks ago, but I don't really
20	Q. So, have you left Bloomington at all	20	remember.
21	since last school year or did you just stay down	21	Q. Do you know if it was before the lawsui
22	there?	22	was filed?
23	A. I went home sometimes to visit my	23	A. Yes.
24	family, but otherwise I stay and live here.	24	Q. Okay. And when your father talked to
	Page 11		Page 1
1	you about it, what was your initial reaction?	1	Q. Do you remember signing a verification
2	A. I was curious about it. I wanted to	2	page?
3	know more.	3	A. Yes.
4	Q. What made you curious about it?	4	Q. What do you understand to be the
5	A. I don't really know. I don't remember	5	significance of that verification page?
6	IU getting any lawsuits lately. So, it was kind of	6	A. It's to certify, like to certify that I
7	new to me, and I was curious to know more about it	7	understand what the Complaint is and why the
8	since it was brand-new information.	8	lawsuit is moving forward.
9	Q. Okay. Had you thought about wanting to	9	Q. Okay. Do you understand that that
10	file a claim against IU before your father brought	10	verification page means that you're confirming the
11	it to you?	11	all of the allegations about you in the Complaint
12	A. No.	12	are true?
13	Q. Have you ever sued anyone else before?	13	A. Yes.
14	A. No.	14	Q. Okay. Do you still agree with that
15	Q. Do you know whether your father had	15	today?
16	contacted a lawyer, your lawyers or whether your	16	A. Yes.
17	lawyers contacted your father?	17	Q. I want to talk a little bit about COVID,
18	A. I think my father contacted the lawyers.	18	which has dominated everybody's lives for the la
19	Q. Okay. Do you remember if you read the	19	16 months.
20	Complaint before it was filed?	20	Have you ever had COVID?
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A. No.

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A. Yes.

A. Yes, I read the Complaint.

Q. Did you read all the exhibits to the

Q. Do you know if anyone in your family has

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1	Q. Who in your family has had COVID?	1	Q. And where does your brother live?
2	A. My twin brother.	2	A. He lives in Louisville, Kentucky.
3	Q. And is he I assume he's the same age	3	Q. Do you know whether he has any reason to
4	since you're twins?	4	know how he contracted COVID?
5	A. Yeah.	5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Okay.	6	Q. What is that?
7	MS. SIEBERT: Older or younger, Macey?	7	A. His roommates caught it first and they
8	THE WITNESS: Me by a minute.	8	spread it to him.
9	MS. SIEBERT: Excellent, excellent. The older	9	Q. That stinks. Have you been vaccinated
10	sister.	10	for COVID?
11	BY MS. GUTWEIN:	11	A. No.
12	Q. Does he live somewhere else apart from	12	Q. Do you have any plans to get vaccinated?
13	you?	13	A. No.
14	A. Yes.	14	Q. Do you know whether anyone in your
15	Q. So, do you have any understanding of	15	immediate family has been vaccinated?
16	what his experience with COVID was like?	16	A. Yes. No one has been vaccinated in my
17	A. Yes.	17	family.
18	Q. What do you know about that?	18	Q. Were you attending IU last year
19	A. His symptoms were mild. He did lose his	19	throughout the COVID pandemic, so the school year
20	sense of smell and taste. But it felt like a flu	20	2020 through 2021?
21	to him.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Do you know about how long he felt sick?	22	Q. Did you live in Bloomington on or by
23	A. I don't remember exactly, but it might	23	campus during that time?
24	have been a week.	24	A. Yes.
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	A. Yes.	2	comply with that policy?
3	Q. Do they tell you either way?	3	A. Yes.
4	A. Yeah, they tell you if it is positive or	4	Q. Did you attend some classes or lectures
5	negative.	5	also, you know, during the 2020 through 2021 school
6	Q. Okay. When you were at IU over the last	6	year?
7	school year, did you have to wear a mask?	7	A. Yes.
8	A. Yes.	8	Q. In person?
9	Q. And I'm trying to think of a way to ask	9	A. Right.
10	that that's not sort of very generic.	10	Q. Were some of your classes online or were
11	What were sort of the parameters under	11	they all in person?
12	which you were obligated to wear a mask?	12	A. Some were online. Some were in person.
13	A. I don't understand the question.	13	Q. Okay. And when you attended those
14	Q. That's fair.	14	in-person lectures, did you also comply with the
15	A. Could you rephrase it.	15	masking policy?
16	Q. When you were at IU, when did you have	16	A. Yes.
17	to wear a mask?	17	Q. Do you feel like you suffered any harm
18	A. I had to wear the mask on the bus and	18	from having to mask in those situations you just
19	anywhere on campus, in the buildings, even in the	19	described?
20	classrooms during lectures. You couldn't take it	20	A. No.
21	off at any point unless you were off campus.	21	Q. Outside of the testing that you just
22	Q. And did you ride the bus sometimes	22	described, sort of I think you called it mitigation
23	during this time?	23	testing, did you ever get any other type of COVID
24	A. Yes.	24	test?
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3	just described, were there circumstances when you	3	A. Yes.
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two different things.

Before we get back to this experience you were just describing, have you had any experiences where you felt judged for wearing a mask in the context of being at IU?

A. No.

Q. Okay. Have you had any experiences where you felt alienated for wearing a mask in the context of being at IU?

A. No.

Q. Okay. What about being tested, have you had any experience where you felt judged or alienated for being tested while at IU?

A. No.

Q. So, the experience you did have it sounds like was potentially feeling judged by your peers or your teacher I think you said for choosing not to get vaccinated, right?

A. Right.

Q. You said they asked you some questions.
 Do you remember what kinds of questions they asked
 you?

A. Sort of. I do remember them asking me exactly why I haven't gotten the vaccine yet, and

they asked me if I had any medical issues that would be why I haven't gotten the vaccine.

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Q. Okay. So, was it -- is there anything that they explicitly said that was, you know, derogatory or negative towards you or was it sort of you were reading between the lines of their questions and you felt, you know, that they were implicitly judging you?

A. I was reading between the lines.

Q. Okay. I'm sorry you felt that way. That stinks.

With respect to your objections to the masking and testing requirement, is it fair to say, then, that your concerns about being judged or feeling alienated are worries that you have about what might happen in the fall of 2021?

A. Yes.

Q. Besides, and I just want to make sure that I have, besides what you described what your concerns were, which is the risk of being alienated or judged, are there any other objections that you have to the masking or the testing requirements?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. What are those?

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A. Similar to what I said before with the potential alienation, I don't think it's fair to let some people not wear a mask or take part in what I think is a two-week -- like two-times-a-week testing now and also forcing some people to wear the mask or do the two-day-testing-per-week.

Q. Okay. So, is that -- it's more of a fairness issue as to how certain -- a certain group

Q. Okay. So, is that -- it's more of a fairness issue as to how certain -- a certain group of people is being treated as compared to another group, not so much that you object to actually whether or not you have to wear a mask, but that you might have to but that other people wouldn't?

A. Yeah. It's a fairness thing.

Q. So, if everyone had to wear a mask the same amount, would you object to that?

A. No. If everyone wore a mask, I would be okay with it.

Q. What about if everyone had to be tested the same frequency?

A. Yeah. If everyone had to be tested, I would be okay with it.

Q. Okay. So, in -- if we look back at paragraph 208, it says that you object to the extra requirements given their unreasonableness. Can you

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tell me what you think is unreasonable about the masking and testing policies?

A. Yes. So, people in my age group have minimal risk of COVID. My twin brother experienced very mild symptoms of COVID, and I would guess that my reaction would be the same, if not similar. What else?

People who are vaccinated should not be concerned about people who are not vaccinated because the vaccine should work. They shouldn't be concerned that they will catch COVID from someone who is not vaccinated if they are vaccinated.

And I'm not sure if it is entirely correct, but there was a study done recently saying that vegans and pescatarians are 57 to 73% less likely to contract dangerous COVID cases. I am vegan.

Q. Okay. Any other reason that you think that the masking/testing policies are unreasonable?

A. For me personally, I cannot think of anything else.

Q. Okay. And when you're looking at the screen, are you looking at the Complaint or are you looking at something else?

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A. I am looking at the Complaint.

Q. Okay. So, I want to talk about each of

those reasons that you just gave me. Is that okay?

A. Sure.

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5 Q. Okay. All right. You said that people

6 in your age group have minimal risk of COVID, and

you mentioned your twin brother.

What is your understanding of that

people in your age group have minimal risk of COVID

10 based on?

11 A. Based on studies I have read.

12 Q. Okay. Do you know which studies those

13 are?

A. Not at the top of my head. I'm not very

good at remembering names and numbers.

Q. Okay. Fair. Have you talked to any

medical professionals about the risk that COVID

might pose to you?

19 A. Yes.

Q. And what have those professionals told

21 you?

A. They told me that the risks of the

vaccine are not worth it. You should not get the

vaccine because of the statistics of how minimal

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the risk is for someone of my age group and to put

my life or well-being at risk for the potential

side effects of the vaccine is not worth it.

Q. And is it one medical professional that told you this or more than one?

A. More than one.

Q. Where did you come into contact with

these medical professionals?

A. I have had one doctor in the past, and I have been receiving e-mails from him; and another

doctor I have visited recently that I have beenreferred to.

Q. Are these doctors in Bloomington?

A. No.

Q. So, it sounds like you have e-mails from at least one of the doctors that might reflect this

at least one of the doctors that might reflect this

17 advice?

19 Q. Okay. Are these like general

20 practitioners? Are they general doctors or do they

21 have a specialty?

A. Yes.

A. I cannot remember off the top of my head what their exact specialty is. One of them is more

of like a holistic health doctor. He does have a

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Doctorate, though. The other one, I think he is a

2 general doctor who specializes in other things as

well.

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Q. Okay. Besides these two doctors'

opinions and your experience with your brother's

6 experience with COVID, is there any other basis for

7 your -- and I guess -- I'm sorry -- you said you

8 also had read some studies.

Any other basis for your thinking that

people in your age group have minimal risk from

11 COVID?

A. Not that I can think of.

Q. Okay. And when you say your age group,

what does that mean to you?

A. That would mean people who are in their

30s and under, like 30 years old and younger.

Q. Okay. You also said that you think

people who are vaccinated should not be concerned

about people who are unvaccinated. Is that right?

A. Right.

Q. Why do you think that?

A. Because the vaccine is supposedly

supposed to work and from what I've seen

statistically, the vaccine seems to be working.

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So, I do not see why someone who is vaccinated

2 should be concerned about catching COVID from

3 someone who is not vaccinated if the vaccine is

supposed to work.

Q. When you say that the vaccine seems to

be working, what do you mean by that?

7 A. The statistics that have been posted

8 about the effectiveness of the COVID vaccine are on

9 the high side, which suggests that the vaccine is

pretty effective in preventing the -- contracting

11 COVID.

Q. Have the statistics that you've seen

13 concerned whether vaccinated individuals can

14 contract COVID or whether they become severely ill

or die if they do contract COVID?

A. I think they do take it into account.

Q. Take what into account?

A. The -- so, there is the percentage of

effectiveness, and whatever is left over is what

the cases of people who have still gotten COVID

21 despite getting a vaccine.

Q. Okay. So, you acknowledge that there

are still some instances in which a vaccinated

person can catch COVID?

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A. Yes. However, statistically, the odds seem pretty low.

Q. And the study that you mentioned about vegetarians and pescatarians I think you said or vegans maybe. Vegans and pescatarians. I'm sorry.

A. Right.

Q. Do you know where you saw that study?

A. It is on Healthline I think. There are different sources that have spoken about the study.

Q. Is your brother vegan or pescatarian?

11 A. No.

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Q. Okay. So, the -- the things that we just talked about, the minimal risk of COVID to your age group, the thought that people who are vaccinated shouldn't be concerned about people who are unvaccinated, and the study that you were talking about about vegetarians or vegans, do those relate to why you don't -- you don't think it's necessary to get vaccinated or do those also relate to why you don't think it's necessary to be masking or be tested for COVID?

A. I think they would apply to both. They are just some of the reasons.

Q. Okay. Are there other reasons that you

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don't think that the masking or testing policies are reasonable?

A. For the testing and masking, no. But for the vaccine itself, yes.

Q. Okay. But you have an exemption from the vaccine policy, right?

A. Right.

Q. Do you agree that some individuals might have medical reasons that they can't get vaccinated even if they'd like to?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. How does your thinking, you know, where you said people who are vaccinated shouldn't be concerned about people who are unvaccinated, how do the people who can't get vaccinated even though they wish they could fit into that?

A. So, they would continue doing what we've been doing all along, which is they can wear a mask by choice if they wish, they can social distance and wash their hands regularly, try not to touch surfaces in public that may be dirty. Just doing their part to protect themselves.

Q. Okay. When you said that people who are vaccinated shouldn't be concerned about people who

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are unvaccinated because vaccines could work, I

2 took that to mean that people who are vaccinated

3 shouldn't worry if an unvaccinated person isn't

4 wearing a mask because the vaccinated person is, in

5 your view, less likely to contract COVID even if

6 the unvaccinated person has it?

A. Right.

Q. So, what about the person who isn't vaccinated but wishes they could be. Should they be concerned around someone who is unvaccinated and not wearing a mask?

A. Depending on the people they're surrounding themselves with. With people of our age group, I think they would be less concerned since it's been statistically shown that risks of COVID are pretty low with our age group.

I just don't believe that someone else's bodily autonomy and integrity should be affected by somebody else.

Q. Okay. When you wore a mask last year on campus, did you feel like your bodily integrity or autonomy was affected?

23 A. Yes.

Q. Did you raise any objection to the

masking policy then?

A. No, since everybody had to do it.

Q. So, that goes back to the fairness point that you were making?

A. Right.

Q. So, you don't think that masking and testing are necessary, but if everybody had to do it you wouldn't have an objection to it?

A. Not necessarily. It would be an inconvenience to me, but if everybody had to do it, I would probably take part in it as well.

Q. We have talked about your concerns about the potential for being judged or alienated if the Court were to say, "Yeah, IU, you can continue to have the masking and testing policies" that we're talking about.

Besides your concerns about being judged or feeling alienated, is there any other way that you think you would be harmed if you had to comply with the masking and the testing policies?

A. No.

Q. Okay. If the Court tells IU that it can -- it can move forward with its masking and testing policies, what does that mean for you going

Page 37 Page 38 1 forward with school? 1 MS. GUTWEIN: Okay. 2 A. I am a transfer student. I transferred 2 MS. SIEBERT: Okay. 3 from New Orleans. So, that set my course work 3 **EXAMINATION** 4 behind quite a bit, so I had to put extra time into 4 BY MS. SIEBERT: 5 5 my education here at IU to catch up. Q. Macey, when you were talking, when 6 Since I've put so much time and effort 6 Stephanie was asking you about the general topic of 7 7 into it and I'm fortunate to have my parents pay feeling alienated and perhaps judged for wearing a 8 8 for the tuition, they have poured a lot of money mask under this policy and you mentioned an 9 into my education, I would just have to deal with 9 instance, or I don't know if it was limited to one 10 10 it and just push forward for one more semester. instance or if it was multiple instances, where 11 11 some fellow students and a professor were asking Q. Okay. This is a little bit unrelated 12 but just curious. Where in New Orleans were you? 12 you about why you weren't going to get vaccinated 13 A. Loyola University right next to Tulane. 13 and kind of pushing you a little bit on that. 14 Q. I spent a good amount of time after the 14 Do you remember that conversation? 15 hurricanes rebuilding stuff down there. So... 15 A. Yes. 16 A. Nice. 16 Q. Okay. Do you remember approximately 17 Q. It's a lovely city. 17 when that conversation took place? Was that last 18 A. It sure is. 18 semester? Was it this summer? 19 Q. Yeah. Do you miss it sometimes? 19 It was this summer. 20 A. Absolutely. All the time. 20 Q. It was this summer. Were you in a 21 MS. GUTWEIN: Okay. Melena, I think I don't 21 class? 22 have anything else. I don't know if you --22 A. No. 23 MS. SIEBERT: I have just a couple follow-ups, 23 Q. Okay. Do you remember what scenario you 2.4 but I don't think it will take long. 2.4 were in? Page 39 Page 40 1 1 remember? A. Yes. I was at like an after-class 2 2 MS. SIEBERT: Do you remember, Stephanie? summer party. My professor held it at his house, 3 3 and some of my classmates showed up to celebrate BY THE WITNESS: 4 4 the end of the semester. A. Probably social separation or something. 5 Q. Okay. And I think you also were talking 5 BY MS. SIEBERT: 6 6 about in general the fairness with the mask and the Q. That was it. I knew there was an 7 alliteration there. Social separation. 7 testing and so forth, and you mentioned I believe 8 that you did not feel that risk of alienation last 8 Do you think that that risk is greater now than it would have been last year since 9 year when you had to wear a mask. Is that correct? 9 10 A. Right. 10 presumably there will be a lot of people not 11 Q. Was it more the -- was it the case last 11 wearing masks? A. Yes. 12 year when you had to wear a mask that generally 12 13 speaking everybody else was too? 13 Q. And I'm just curious. You said you're a 14 A. Yeah, everyone else was wearing a mask. 14 theater major? 15 So, everybody blended in. 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. Do you think that that lowered in 16 Q. You have a lot of real interesting 17 17 majors. Did you say medieval literature? general the risk of that same kind of alienation --18 A. Yes. 18 A. Medieval studies and English. 19 Q. One of my favorite classes I took in 19 Q. -- when everyone else was? Okay. 20 So, do you think the risk of alienation 20 undergrad was Renaissance and medieval history. It 21 and judging and the social -- I forget what phrase 21 was fascinating. you used. It was a really good one. Social 22 22 A. It sure is. I love it. 23 something. Anyway. 23 Q. I'm just curious in a theater major how 24 That social -- what did you use? Do you 24 you all have progressed and done performances and

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1 how that has impacted -- how all of this has 2 impacted your -- and by "all of this," I mean the

3 whole COVID pandemic has affected your education in

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A. It was devastating really. Ruined our performances. We could really only perform on Zoom, which can have a huge effect on how actors can interact with each other. It's not as natural.

9 And in my acting classes, we had to wear a mask and 10 social distance.

> So, you had to yell at each other so you could hear what the other actor is saying and you could only read like half of their faces. So, you really can't respond the way you naturally would in an acting scenario where there wasn't masks.

Q. Understandable. So, in the fall, will you have any acting classes or classes within your major then?

A. Yes.

Q. And, so, in the fall, if you're in one of those classes and you're wearing a mask but because you fall under the mandate and there are those requirements and other actors working with you are not wearing the mask, do you think that

will impact your education and your performance?

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A. Yes. I think it would impact my education as well as theirs.

Q. In what way would it -- some of the ways that you think it would impact your education?

A. Wearing a mask really changes the way you communicate with people. You have to raise your voice and enunciate more, which isn't entirely necessary in someone who does film work. For someone who does stage, that might be fine. But film is more my area of interest.

So, it's difficult for me to have to have that barrier in front of my face when I'm trying to communicate with other actors.

And since acting is a physical experience, I feel like wearing a mask and having to social distance from everybody else would really separate me and actors perhaps might not want to become like physically closer to me and interact with me physically.

Q. And how would that impact their education, the other actors?

23 MS. GUTWEIN: Objection; speculation. 24

BY MS. SIEBERT:

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Q. You may go ahead and answer, Macey.

A. Like what I've mentioned before, it's hard to see only the top half of somebody's face and know how to respond to them organically in a performance situation.

So, the other actors would have a hard time looking at me and knowing how to gauge the situation and how I'm trying to steer the scene. It just creates a separation and they will have a harder time hearing me sometimes.

Q. Have you had over the course of the past, you know, 16 months since all of this has been in place, have you had conversations with other theater majors or film student majors, whatever the -- in acting classes where you all have talked about the difficulty of performing and acting with -- while wearing masks and social distancing?

A. Yes, we spoke about it often.

MS. GUTWEIN: Objection; hearsay.

21 BY MS. SIEBERT:

> Q. And to the best of your recollection, do those conversations match with what you just talked about as far as the issues with -- with acting with

somebody while wearing a mask?

A. Yes.

3 MS. GUTWEIN: Same objection.

MS. SIEBERT: Sorry, Stephanie.

5 MS. GUTWEIN: It's okay.

6 BY MS. SIEBERT:

Q. Go ahead, Macey. You may answer.

8 A. Yes. What I said matched what everybody 9 else complained about.

Q. All right. Thank you.

11 What do you want to go with your -- do 12 you want to go into film then?

A. Yes. I think it's a lot of fun.

Q. That's fun. I would be terrified. But God bless you. It's such a neat talent.

You're not musical theater. Do you sing or just act?

18 A. I can sing and do stage, but I prefer 19 film.

Q. Okay. All right. Great.

21 Well, I don't have -- oh, actually I do.

22 I'm sorry.

> You spoke about the issue of bodily autonomy. Do you think the issues surrounding

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1 bodily autonomy are greater when you're speaking 2 specifically about the shot versus perhaps when 3 you're talking about the masks and those other 4 requirements? 5 A. Yes, because something is being actually 6 put into my body versus the masks and doing a 7 saliva test doesn't really alter my body in any 8 way. 9

Q. Okay. But, again, going back to that bodily autonomy in connection with the masks and the testing, it has more to do with the fairness in your view, correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Okay.

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15 MS. SIEBERT: I think that is it for me too.

16 MS. GUTWEIN: Just a couple of follow-up.

FURTHER EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. GUTWEIN:

Q. On the discussion that you were just having about your experience last year when you were masking during the school year, do you have any reason to think that the masking requirement affected your ultimate grades that your professors gave you?

A. No. I think my professors understood the situation really well and were very lenient.

Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to think that they will be different this coming semester?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Okay.

MS. GUTWEIN: I have no further questions,

Melena.

9 MS. SIEBERT: I have one follow-up, then, from 10

FURTHER EXAMINATION

BY MS. SIEBERT:

Q. Macey, do you think that your education has more than grades involved with it?

What other things are important to you in your education?

A. What I'm actually learning. It's important that I'm getting the most out of my school experience so I can take that knowledge with me into my career.

Q. And, so, do you think that this coming semester, by being forced to comply with the masking requirements and so forth and some of the

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1 impacts that you've already discussed within your 2 specific major, will that impact your education

3 beyond grades?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

MS. SIEBERT: That's it for me.

MS. GUTWEIN: I'm finished. Thank you very

8 much, Macey. Really appreciate it.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 MS. SIEBERT: Thank you so much, Macey.

11 THE REPORTER: Read and sign?

12 MS. SIEBERT: Yes, please. Same thing, we 13 would like a rough and final and then expedited as

14 well.

15 (Time Noted: 3:25 p.m.)

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